

Rally for Musk at Tesla Store in Mt. Kisco Thanks for Saving Our Astronauts!



*NASA Astronauts
Suni Williams and
Butch Wilmore*

By Dan Murphy

On March 18, four astronauts were rescued by SpaceX Dragon Freedom and returned safely to the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore were initially sent on an 8-day mission but were trapped at the International Space Station for more than 286 days. NASA astronauts Nick Hague and Russian cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov also returned on SpaceX Dragon Freedom after 171 days at the ISS. SpaceX is owned by Elon Musk, who has also been working with President Donald Trump to cut out fraud and waste in the Federal Budget. The outrage and anger against Musk, the owner of Tesla Motors, has reached

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Remembering “Westchester’s Congresswoman” Nita Lowey



*Nita Lowey
with
Hillary Clinton*

By Dan Murphy

“Westchester’s Congresswoman,” Nita Lowey, passed away on March 15 at the age of 87. Her family posted the following message, “With great sadness, we announce that former Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey died peacefully on March 15 at the age of 87, surrounded by her loving husband, children, and grandchildren, in her home in Harrison, N.Y. Nita has quietly and bravely battled metastatic breast cancer in recent years with the same tenacity and strength that she fought throughout her 32-year career in Congress for women, children and families in the U.S. and around the world.”

“A public servant in the truest sense, she was guided by the Jewish core value of ‘Tikkun Olam,’ repairing the world. She was an indefatigable fighter and worked across the aisle to deliver results for her constituents and all Americans. She sponsored life-changing legislation in education, medical research, and international relations.”

Nita Lowey represented Westchester County in Congress from 1988 to 2020. In 1988, Lowey defeated Republican Congressman Joe Dioguardi to become the first Westchester Democrat to break the Republican hold on Westchester politics. Lowey defeated two Democrats in a primary, Dennis Mehiel and Hamilton Fish V, before beating Dioguardi with 53% of the vote.

Rep. Lowey represented almost every town, village, and city in Westchester over her 28 years in Congress, from Yonkers to Yorktown. Her district was redrawn on three occasions.

In 1999, Senator Daniel Moynihan announced his retirement, and Lowey announced that she was running to replace him, except if Hillary Clinton decided to run. Clinton did run and represented NY in the US Senate for 8 years, with Lowey graciously deferring.

Over the next twenty years, Lowey built a career in the House of Representatives, becoming the first woman to chair the House Appropriations Committee. As Chair, Lowey was able to steer billions to her district, Westchester County, and New York.

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at Yonkerstimes.com**

The People Win! Plans for 95-Acre, 116 Megawatt Battery Plant on Westchester-Putnam Border Stopped



By Dan Murphy

In a victory for Northern Westchester and Putnam County residents, East Point Energy has withdrawn its plans to build a 95-acre 116 Megawatt Battery Plant. The Union Energy Center project was to have been built on a 95-acre lot off Miller and Union Valley Roads on the Somers-Mahopac border.

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Westchester Resident Gets Hope from Trump in His Claim that Federal Income Tax is Voluntary



*Tony Futia, left,
at IRS hearing in
New Windsor with
a box of 500 pages
of documents
By Dan
Murphy*

With President Donald Trump suggesting that the federal income tax be abolished, or his recent comments that the income tax should be eliminated for anyone earning less than \$150,000, we wanted to reach out to North White Plains resident Tony Futia. Futia has been involved in a five-year legal

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Wrong Way Drunk Driver Gets 5-15 Years in Death of Westchester Woman; 3 Year Old Found Alive



Isabel Steger

A woman who drove the wrong way on I-87 in 2023 was sentenced to 5-15 years in state prison, for crashing into a car driven by Isabel Steger, who died. The incident occurred on April 9, 2023 at 430 AM.

Qualasia Willis, 29, was driving southbound on I-87 in Yonkers for four miles before colliding head on with Steger, 22, of Bedford Hills. She had a blood alcohol level of .14%, almost two times the legal limit.

Another passenger in Steger’s vehicle, Julia Ring, was seriously injured but survived.

In Nov. 2024, Willis pled guilty to felony murder, 2nd degree assault and drunk driving.

Willis pleaded guilty in November

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Westchester County Renews Bee Line Bus Contract to Liberty Lines -10 Year Deal -\$1.8 Billion



After an extensive review and competitive bidding process, Westchester County has awarded Liberty Lines a 10-year contract to continue operating the County's Bee-Line Bus system. The contract, issued following a Request for Proposals (RFP) in 2023, is valued at \$1.8 billion — saving taxpayers millions of dollars compared to the other bidder for the contract.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "We listened to the public, our riders, advocates, transportation professionals and elected leaders. Their concerns were at the forefront of our evaluation process and Liberty Lines scored significantly higher in addressing these concerns while still presenting a more cost-effective proposal."

The agreement reflects the County's commitment to fiscal responsibility and high-quality service for its residents. Notably, this was the first RFP designed to encourage broader competition, with two responding: Liberty Lines and Trans-Dev Transportation. Also for the first time, the contract includes Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals, underscoring the County's dedication to diversity and inclusion.

Prior to issuing the RFP, the County surveyed Bee-Line passengers to seek their input. In response to rider feedback, the contract for the first time includes performance metrics. These metrics cover on-time performance, traffic citations, announcements of stops and bus cleanliness. The County has the authority to assess liquidated damages if Liberty Lines fails to meet these performance indicators.

Both companies were put through an intensive review by County employees and a panel. Among them Westchester County Transportation Board Chair Thomas Ross and The New York Community Trust – Westchester Office Vice President Laura Rossi.

Ross said: "Westchester County announcement of the award of a 10-year contract to Liberty Lines continues the ongoing process of improving public transportation. The new contract is significant as it provides the County and Liberty Lines the tools to increase the bus system's performance and the County to more tightly control costs. The contract takes advantage of the power created by combining private business skills and public management oversight to produce high quality public transit services."

Rossi said: "Good public transit is a win for our families and for the future of Westchester and the region. Thanks to the persistent work of many, this contract will lead to improved bus service that meets the needs of our entire community."

TWU LOCAL 100 VP PBL Danny D'Amato said: "We would like to congratulate Liberty Lines on winning the bid to provide transportation for the residents of Westchester County. Local 100 members at Liberty Lines have been providing transportation to the residents of Westchester for many decades. We are proud of the partnership with the County and Liberty, and have historically worked together to ensure that the people of Westchester County have access to safe and reliable transportation."

This new contract marks a significant step forward in enhancing the Bee-Line system, ensuring it meets the evolving needs of Westchester County residents while maintaining high operational standards and promoting fair business practices.

Westchester County remains dedicated to providing safe, reliable, and affordable public transportation, and this new contract with Liberty Lines ensures continued enhancements to the Bee-Line system for years to come.

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Mt. Vernon Gives Out 400 Cameras to Catch Porch Pirates



Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard and the City of Mount Vernon proudly announced the Public Safety Camera Program launch, a proactive initiative designed to enhance security, deter crime, and strengthen community engagement in public safety efforts. The program, funded by \$61,800 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), will begin with the Residential Camera Initiative, which will provide 400 free security cameras to Mount Vernon residents.

Residents can apply for a free security camera by visiting www.cmvny.com/residentialcamera. "As we continue to invest in the safety and well-being of our community, the Public Safety Camera Program represents a critical step in our efforts to deter crime, protect families, and create a safer Mount Vernon," said Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard. "These cameras will serve as both a deterrent and a vital tool in solving crimes, helping law enforcement respond more effectively while fostering a stronger partnership between the city and its residents."

The Public Safety Camera Program has three main objectives:

Program Go Promote Community Safety: Enhance security and deter crimes such as theft, home break-ins, reckless driving, vandalism, and illegal dumping.

Empower Residents to Actively Participate in Crime Prevention Efforts: Equip residents with tools to improve neighborhood safety and security.

Strengthen Law Enforcement Partnerships: Build trust and collaboration between the Mount Vernon Police Department and the community

Additionally, the initiative encourages the use of modern technology to increase accessibility to video coverage as a proactive community safety measure. By equipping residents with security cameras, Mount Vernon empowers its citizens to play an active role in ensuring safer streets and neighborhoods.

A Commitment to Equitable Safety Measures

This initiative underscores the city's dedication to equitable safety measures and its partnership with residents in building a safer, more connected Mount Vernon. The program is a proactive step to enhance public safety, foster community trust, and create a collaborative approach to addressing neighborhood concerns.

Program Overview & Funding

The Public Safety Camera Program is a community-driven initiative aimed at leveraging modern technology to improve safety across Mount Vernon. The total program cost of \$61,800 in ARPA funding covers the procurement and distribution of 400 security cameras to residents, ensuring accessibility for those who may not otherwise afford this type of equipment. Through this initiative, the city is taking a strategic and proactive approach to crime prevention, reinforcing its commitment to fostering collaboration, transparency, and trust between law enforcement and the community. The investment in this program is not just about technology; it's about empowering residents, creating safer neighborhoods, and enhancing the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

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Congressman Latimer Meets with Four Fired Federal Employees: “We Should Be Ashamed”



Congressman George Latimer recently commented on the House Floor about how he recently met several constituents in Yonkers who are federal employees and have been fired. It is unjust and does nothing to make our government more efficient. I spoke about these fired federal workers on the floor this week.

“This weekend in Yonkers, I met four constituents who have recently been fired from Federal service. The human stories force us to consider the painful toll created by the cut and destroy method of management by this administration.

“Departments are being slashed and eliminated and so are the lives of professionals who have devoted their entire careers to public service. Without any objective assessment, years of work are being trashed for bogus claims of fraud and corruption.

“The axe falls regardless of skill, regardless of merit or accomplishment. It falls without regard to the human element of people, not merely statistics, who serve the public.

“It is heartless and cruel. Most corporations, even when downsizing take into account the most productive employees and are strategic when achieving savings.

“Every administration is entitled to look at our federal agencies and see what efficiencies can be achieved. This execute first style of management is not that. It creates a stain on America and does nothing to make government more efficient.

“We should be ashamed.”

NOTIFICATION OF JOB OFFER

We are hiring attendants to engage at Honda’s Café Corp, (Dobbs Ferry, New York). We are seeking candidates who demonstrate leadership skills, successfully motivating and guiding the team. Additionally, having a passion for coffee culture and a desire to learn and share knowledge with both the team and customers is essential. Excellent communication skills to treat customers with courtesy and respect are indispensable. Experience with Microsoft Excel or Planning will be considered an advantage for inventory management, purchasing, and inventory control. Flexibility in scheduling is required, including weekends and holidays. Proficiency either in Spanish and Portuguese languages is desirable, though not essential. 48 Hours per week. INCOME/YEAR – \$46,800/YEAR. Please contact Valnei Honda Soares, CEO, via email at procesohonda@gmail.com.

The Second Amendment and Yonkers



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Like you, I hear daily commercials for the Bryna gun that is sold throughout the country. But for some reason the commercials by the likes of Bill O’Reilly and Jeanine Pirro say the gun can’t be shipped to New York and Yonkers.

Yonkers? What? A 14 year old kid can buy it in Walmart in Rockland County but it can’t be shipped to Yonkers or New York City. What did Us poor Yonkersites do?

Let’s start at the beginning. Powered by compressed air (CO2), the Bryna SD shoots .68 caliber round projectiles that can disable a threat from up to 60-feet away. It’s a serious gun for lack of a better word. The key word is disable. It’s not like a regular gun that serious injures people.

Seems like given our world today it is an instrument worth pursuing. But there is one problem. The laws of the city of Yonkers as they are right now now don’t allow it:

§ 74-1 License required to sell air guns.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer to sell or have in his possession any air pistol or air rifle or similar instrument in which the propelling force is a spring or air, except that the sale of such instruments, if accompanied by delivery to a point without the City, and possession for such purpose shall not be unlawful if such person shall have secured an annual license from the Police Commissioner of the City of Yonkers authorizing such sale and possession.

§ 74-2 Record of sales.

All persons dealing in such instruments referred to in this chapter shall keep a record showing the name and address of each person purchasing such instrument or instruments, together with the place of delivery, and said record shall be open to inspection during regular business hours by the officers of the Police Department of the City.

§ 74-3 Issuance of license.

The Police Commissioner is hereby authorized to issue, in his discretion, upon payment of a license fee in the amount of \$10, an annual license authorizing the sale and possession of such instruments for delivery to a point without the City.

§ 74-4 Pistol permit; registration; fee.

[Added 1-11-1966 by G.O. No. 1-1966]

The Police Commissioner may also issue a permit for a spring-, gas- or air-operated pistol to any person who holds a current New York State pistol permit. Said pellet gun shall be registered in the same manner as all other pistols, and the cost for said permit shall be \$1.

\$10 to Allow a Bryna to be sold outside Yonkers to a Yonkers resident. \$1 for permit to use it. I guess the Yonkers Councilmembers need to examine these low figures.

Laws on the books prohibiting the use of a Bryna are against the 2nd Amendment. That why the sooner they can the Yonkers City Council and Mayor need to change the laws and allow the device to be sold and used in Yonkers. Like the rest of this country!

I guess my conservative side came out this week. Let’s hope we don’t need to use a Bryna but it’s a good thing to keep us safe in 2025!

Reach Eric Schoen at ewschoen@icloud.com.

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Clean Energy Action Conference: Powering Change Together Set for March 24th

The Business Council of Westchester (BCW) will host the Clean Energy Action Conference: Powering Change Together on March 24th, marking a significant step in the inaugural year of the Clean Energy Action Coalition (CEAC).

The event assembles industry leaders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to accelerate clean energy adoption across Westchester County as an effective means to address skyrocketing energy prices, increasing electricity demand, and the resiliency needed in the face of extreme weather challenges and climate disruption.

Keynote speaker Doreen M. Harris, President and CEO of NYSEERDA, will headline the conference, providing invaluable insights into New York State's ambitious clean energy goals. Joining her are prominent speakers including George Poth, SVP of Real Estate & Facilities Management at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Wilson Kimball, President and CEO of the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Yonkers, Anthony Gioffre, Managing Partner of Cuddy and Feder, and Kara Magoolaghan, Principal at KMCG and Chief Sustainability Officer at The Mulford Corporation, offering diverse perspectives on practical implementation and sustainable business practices.

Building on the CEAC's mission to reduce carbon emissions and enhance energy affordability, the conference will delve into the coalition's 2025 goals, focusing on solar and battery storage, biofuels, green construction, and transmission improvements. With over 100 Westchester leaders involved, the CEAC is driving legislative frameworks and collaborative initiatives to propel clean energy infrastructure.

The conference underscores the BCW's commitment to fostering collaboration and innovation, solidifying Westchester's leadership in sustainability.

The event will be held at the Crotonville Conference Center, 1 Old Albany Post Road, Ossining. For more information, please visit the conference registration page. <https://web.thebcw.org/events/2025Clean%20Energy%20Action%20ConferencePowering%20Change%20Together%20-1801/details>

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Village of Hastings Rejects Controversial 'Project Maple' and Constitution Pipeline

Village Joins Growing List of NYS Elected Leaders Urging Governor Hochul to Block Climate-Heating Fossil Fuel Projects

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson unanimously voted to reject two controversial pipeline proposals—Project Maple, Enbridge's proposed expansion of the Algonquin fracked gas pipeline, and the previously defeated Williams Constitution pipeline. The resolution comes after a recent meeting between Governor Hochul and Donald Trump in the White House around the permitting of the Williams Constitution pipeline and other potential fossil fuel infrastructure.

In opposing both 'Project Maple' and the Williams Constitution pipeline, the village's Mayor and Board recognized Governor Hochul's unique ability to stop the fossil fuel proposals. The resolution passed on Tuesday specifically calls on the Governor to block the climate-heating fracked gas pipeline projects, citing dangers these proposals present to New Yorkers' air, water and climate. The projects also would lead to significant costs to New York rate-payers, who will ultimately be footing the bill from increased pipeline construction and an increased flow of gas coming through New York State.

"We've fought and defeated fossil fuel projects like the Danskammer power plant and Williams Constitution pipeline before, and we'll fight and defeat them again. Like many of my friends and neighbors in Hastings, I'm horrified by the recent actions of Trump/Musk including their empowering the fossil fuel industry at the expense of our communities and our planet," said Iris Hiskey Arno, Hastings-on-Hudson resident and Co-chair of the Environment Committee of NYCD16/15 Indivisible. "I'm proud to live in a village that takes a strong stand against threats to our water, air and climate, and urges our Governor to do the same."

With passage of the resolution, Hastings becomes the second municipality to formally oppose Project Maple and the first to oppose Williams Constitution Pipeline since the proposal's resurfacing from Friday's recent meeting between Trump and Governor Hochul at the White House. Prior to the Peekskill and Hastings resolutions, last year 70 state and local elected officials also came out against Project Maple, and demanded similar action from Governor Hochul.

"Building out pipelines will cost us all more in our energy bills and ruin our climate which Donald Trump is hell-bent on doing," said Rachel Rivera, Sandy Survivor and Organizer at New York Communities for Change. "We need Governor Hochul to step up by stopping all new fossil fuel projects, period. As someone who both lost a home to climate change and who worries about paying my bills and supporting my family, I am grateful to Hastings for saying no to both Project Maple and the Williams Constitution Pipeline."

"We don't need more toxic, climate-damaging pipeline expansion especially in the Hudson River towns. Congratulations to sister municipality Hastings-on-Hudson for standing up against Project Maple. Governor Hochul knows projects like Maple and Williams Constitution pipeline are industry driven, and New York energy consumers want safe, clean, and affordable energy, not the stranded assets of methane gas pipeline projects," said United for Clean Energy co-organizer Tina Volz-Bongar.

"We applaud the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson for passing a resolution opposing fracked gas pipelines and infrastructure expansions, including Enbridge's Project Maple and the Constitution Pipeline. New York must stand firm in its rejection of fossil fuel projects," said Susan Van Dolsen, co-founder of Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE). "We cannot falter in the commitment to renewable energy and Governor Hochul must not cave to Trump's pro-fossil fuel rhetoric."

"The Maple and Constitution pipelines would be disastrous for New Yorkers — polluting our air and water while putting hundreds of communities at risk," said Melissa Hoffmann, Hudson Valley Organizer at Food & Water Watch. "With the White House rolling back climate protections by the day, it's unthinkable that Governor Hochul would even consider approving these projects. She should take notes from Hastings-on-Hudson's town leadership, who are showing more backbone than we've seen from Albany in far too long."

*"The key to the future of the world,
is finding the optimistic stories
and letting them be known."*

— Pete Seeger

DEA Busts Illegal Pill Producing Mill Pill Pressing Maching Shipped to Yonkers

Two Men Indicted in Connection with a Large-Scale Counterfeit Pill Manufacturing in Harlem- Pill Presses Seized, Along with Over 30,000 Illicitly Produced Pills Containing Fentanyl Mixtures and Stimulants, and Three Loaded Guns

Two men were arraigned in Manhattan Supreme Court on charges stemming from high-level counterfeit pill manufacturing and distribution in the greater New York City metropolitan area. The indictment, filed by the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor (SNP) for the City of New York, contains charges of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First, Second, Third and Fifth Degrees, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second and Third Degrees.

A long-term investigation led authorities to seize two pill pressing machines, approximately 22,000 counterfeit pills made from potentially lethal fentanyl mixtures, 10,000 pills containing methamphetamine, and large bags containing over 13 pounds of powdered methamphetamine and four pounds of xylazine. Three loaded guns were also seized. The investigation revealed that one pill pressing machine had been shipped from China to Yonkers in Westchester County, and was later transferred to 2745 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, Apartment 6C, in Harlem, Manhattan.

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, Frank A. Tarentino III, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New York Division (NY), New York City Police Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch, New York State Police Superintendent Steven G. James and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) New York Director of Field Operations Frank J. Russo announced charges against ROBINSON and MORRIS in conjunction with the unsealing of the indictment at arraignments today.

The investigation was conducted by the New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force (Strike Force) Group Z-42, with assistance from SNPs Investigators Unit. Strike Force Group Z-42 is comprised of agents and officers from DEA New York Division, the New York City Police Department (NYPD), the New York State Police, HSI New York and CBP New York.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan said, "Each of the two pill presses one of which was ordered online from China could produce up to 6,000 potentially lethal counterfeit pills per hour. Set up in the living room of a Harlem apartment, the presses milled tens of thousands of fake oxycodone pills made from fentanyl, heroin and xylazine, and multicolored methamphetamine pills. Counterfeit pills, often peddled on social media platforms as pharmaceuticals, have claimed too many lives. This dedicated team of attorneys and investigators not only prevented the distribution of potentially deadly drugs, but they also seized the tools used to disguise it as medication."

DEA New York Special Agent in Charge Frank Tarentino said, "The use of an illicit pill pressing operation in a NYC apartment capable of producing hundreds of thousands of poisonous pills intended to be sold on our city streets is an example of the treachery and greed that drug traffickers and their criminal organizations will engage in to make a profit, even at the expense of harming our community and our citizens."

During the four-month investigation, members of Strike Force Group Z-42 learned a pill pressing machine had been shipped from China to Yonkers. The investigation revealed the pill press was subsequently transferred to 2745 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, Apartment 6C. Officers allegedly observed ROBINSON taking possession of the pill press.

On February 3, 2025, at approximately 1:45 p.m., agents and officers were conducting surveillance at 2745 Frederick Douglass Boulevard when they observed MORRIS enter and then minutes later exit carrying a red backpack. Members of Strike Force Group Z-42 stopped MORRIS in the vicinity of 232 West 145th Street and recovered approximately 11,000 counterfeit oxycodone pills, colored blue and marked M30. The pills proved to contain a potent mixture of fentanyl, heroin, xylazine, and other substances. MORRIS was taken into custody.

At 2:15 p.m., agents and officers entered 2745 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, Apartment 6C, and detained ROBINSON, who was allegedly inside the kitchen. During a court-authorized search of the kitchen, agents and officers allegedly found two large bags containing a large quantity of blue pills marked M30, three plastic bags containing a large quantity of multi-colored pills, and five plastic bags of loose white and brown powder.

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County Executive Jenkins Celebrates Nowruz with Special Reception



Westchester County hosted a special reception to celebrate Nowruz, the Persian New Year, at the Michaelian Office Building in White Plains. The event honored the rich cultural traditions of Nowruz and recognized the contributions of the Persian and Central Asian communities throughout Westchester.

Nowruz, meaning "new day," marks the arrival of spring and has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years by millions worldwide. Observed in parts of the Middle East, Central Asia and beyond, Nowruz is a time for reflection, renewal and new beginnings. The celebration is centered on growth, hope and family themes, with symbolic traditions highlighting these values.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Nowruz is a beautiful celebration of renewal and hope, reminding us of the importance of family, community and new beginnings. Westchester County is home to a wonderful Persian and Central Asian community whose contributions have enriched our County. We proudly celebrate this meaningful tradition and stand with those who welcome the new year with optimism and joy. Nowruz Mobarak!"

Deputy County Executive Richard Wishnie said: "Nowruz is more than a celebration of spring — it is a time for reflection, growth and embracing new opportunities. The values reflected in Nowruz — compassion, renewal and unity — are ones we can all appreciate and carry with us throughout the year. We are honored to celebrate this special occasion with our community."

During the reception, attendees had the opportunity to connect, learn about Nowruz customs and enjoy traditional Nowruz dishes and music. The reception reflected the welcoming spirit of Nowruz and the County's ongoing commitment to ensuring every community feels represented.

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Notice of formation of Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC PO Box 36 Valhalla, NY 10595 Purpose: any lawful activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the State of New York (SSNY) on 02/03/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC, 1585 Central Park Ave, Unit 157, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Granola Girl, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/24. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 206 B Heritage Hills Drive, Somers, NY 10589. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to THE LLC, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of JJJ Roadside Solution, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01-07-2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Joel Armando Mena, 25 Knowles Street, Yonkers, New York 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, will hold a public hearing at the Eastchester Town Hall at 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York on TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 at 7:30 pm, to consider the adoption of a local law providing for the amendment of LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2005 & 3-2000, "The Vehicle and Traffic Code of the Town of Eastchester, Article V, Removal and Storage of Vehicles §5-1; Authority to Impound Vehicles and §5-2; Storage and Charges". A copy of the proposed local law is available in the Town Clerk's office at Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, 10709.

All interested parties are urged to attend this hearing, at which time, they will be given an opportunity to express their opinion for or against the above proposed local law.

BY THE ORDER OF THE SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK
JOSEPH D. DOOLEY
TOWN CLERK

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May 2026	13%
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Letters to the Editor:

THE MODERN LIBERAL---

The following is a description of the typical Democrat by a nationally known novelist, president of a legal foundation, former legal advisor to a past U.S. President.

“The modern Liberal believes in the supremacy of the state, thereby rejecting the principles of the Declaration and the order of civil society, in whole or in part. For the modern liberal, the individual’s imperfection and personal pursuits impede the objective of a utopian state. In this, Modern Liberalism promotes what French historian Alexis de Tocqueville describes as a “soft tyranny”, which becomes increasingly more oppressive, potentially leading to a hard “tyranny” (some form of totalitarianism). As the word “Liberal” is, in its classical meaning, the opposite of authoritarian, it is more accurate therefore, to characterize the Modern Liberal as a “Statist”.

“All one has to do is to look back to President Trump’s address to our nation the other night, when one Democratic official had to be removed from the room because of his ignorant ravings, while the rest of the Democratic “tribe” kept trying to interrupt our President.”

It is my humble opinion that the “Dem-O Rats” are bent upon subversion of our Democratic way of life, they no longer represent “we the people”.

J.W.Pettit
Yorktown HTS,NY
Source: Book-Liberty & Tyranny
Author-Mark Levin

Dear Editor at Rising Media Group,

The Trump administration’s proposal to reconsider the EPA’s endangerment finding is reckless, anti-science, and a huge step backward for climate action. This decision isn’t just about politics—it puts our health, environment, and future on the line.

The endangerment finding, established in 2009, is based on clear scientific evidence that greenhouse gases harm public health and the planet. It’s been the legal backbone for policies that reduce emissions from cars, power plants, and industry. Without it, we lose a key tool for fighting climate change—and that’s exactly what polluters want.

The reality is, climate change isn’t some distant threat. It’s here. We’re seeing record-breaking heat, wildfires, floods, and hurricanes that devastate communities. Our state is not immune from these catastrophes and the Trump Administration’s actions would reverse progress. Gutting this policy ignores science and common sense at a time when we need stronger action, not more rollbacks.

This also sends a horrible message to the rest of the world. While other countries are working toward clean energy solutions, the U.S. risks becoming a climate laggard instead of a leader.

We can’t let this happen. We need to push back against this dangerous move and demand real climate solutions. The health of our planet—and future generations—depends on it. The EPA should scrap its plan to undo this regulation and maintain the rules that are protecting all of us and the air and water we rely on.

Sincerely,
Rob Fursich
Hartsdale

Dear Editor,

Why would a 75 year old woman brave subfreezing temperatures and gusty winds to hold a handmade protest sign aloft for two hours? What prompts me to ignore significant back pain and better judgement? Patriotism is my answer. Patriotism and fear that Elon Musk has stolen American Democracy. It is not a Democrat vs. Republican issue.. And NO ! I am not being paid by any Indivisible group to stand there or attend Town Halls . The simplest symbol I can find is a Tesla showroom. It is where indifferent Americans line his pockets and fuel his far right radical agenda.

Musk’s sole agenda is to support far right candidates in America and to meddle in Global politics. He has tried (albeit unsuccessfully) to buy elections in Germany and loudly support the far right A.F.D party . He has tried and failed most recently in Romania. He is in lock step with Trumps agenda to encourage White South Africans to immigrate to the United States. He is critical of post Apartheid South Africa and believes the country is Anti-White. He throws money at far right candidates right here. He donated 1.5 million dollars to help seat Michael Lawler as Congressman for the 17th C.D , Now, he is meddling in Wisconsin’s race for Supreme Court Justice throwing millions at Brad Schimel . Make no mistake, when he buys a race, he owns the agenda. Perhaps Republicans are also becoming alarmed by his power.

His purse and his ego are bloated. He is now going after anyone who has donated to Act Blue. The fear tactics may have worked in 1930s Germany as Germany laid a synchronized plan “ Gleichschaltung” to transform a Democracy to a Fascist state. Fredrich Merz, Germanys’new Chancellor attests to lessons Germans remember.

I will never “unsee” the image of a stiff right armed Musk giving a Nazi like gesture at Trumps inaugural parade on January 20th. And so, I stand with my own arm raised in protest at Tesla Dealerships when I can. My back is hurting, My arm gets sore, my voice gets weak but my resolve is as determined as is his. I will not stand by as America tolerates Elon Musk setting policy and sharing power in the White House; in our White House. I am a Patriot.

Barbara Santarelli North Salem

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. IFB-7386 – Opening date: 04/18/2025: High-tech security upgrades for the Vive School, 75 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, NY.
2. Bid No. IFB-7388 – Opening date: 04/18/2025: High-tech security upgrades for the PS 14 School, 60 Crescent Place, Yonkers, NY.
3. Bid No. IFB-7389 – Opening date: 04/18/2025: High-tech security upgrades for the PS 15 School, 175 Westchester Avenue, Yonkers, NY.
4. Bid No. IFB-7418 – Opening date: 04/18/2025: Trevor Park and Playground Phase II renovations, Ravine Avenue, Yonkers, NY.
5. Bid No. RFB-7420 – Opening date: 04/18/2025: Twelve-month contract , with option to renew for 12-months, to provide maintenance and repairs, as needed, for electric motors and pumps in school buildings throughout the Yonkers Public School District.
6. Bid No. RFB-7421 – Opening date: 04/04/2025: Purchase of two Northeast Shelter, or Yonkers approved equal, portable heavy duty snow shelter kits.
7. Bid No. RFB-7422 – Opening date: 04/04/2025: Purchase of three Kubota V-Series, or Yonkers approved equal, utility vehicles.
8. Bid No. RFB-7423 – Opening date: 04/04/2025: Purchase of six Rologard Global model K2600, or Yonkers approved equal, vehicle barriers with vehicle transport kits.
9. Bid No. RFB-7424 – Opening date: 04/04/2025: Purchase of one Raymo, or Yonkers approved equal, remote controlled fully electric slope mower.

“Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

-Thomas Jefferson

LM Lions Support Pediatric Cancer Foundation

Faculty & Staff At Iona Take Part in Service Day



LM Lions Secretary Diane Oldham, LM Lion and Pediatric Cancer Ambassador Nancy Joselson, Sedona's Bill Jablonski and LM Lions Treasurer John Lyons

The LM Lions teamed up with Mamaroneck's Sedona Taphouse's Mondays Dine Out for Charity in support of the Pediatric Cancer Foundation (PCF). Sedona dedicates a full month of Mondays throughout the year in support of local charities and service groups. For the month of February, Sedona raised \$696, with an additional \$1500 raised from related online donations. Combined with the Lions support, nearly \$3,000 was raised for PCF.

Pediatric Cancer Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization that raises funds for groundbreaking research and early phase clinical trials to eradicate childhood cancer. These trials are conducted by world renowned doctors at the hospitals PCF supports. For more information about PCF and to donate go to: www.pcfcares.org

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions mission is to support – with funding, volunteers & advocacy, local service groups by bringing community leaders together to determine needs, resources & achieve solutions. The LM Lions are part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization of over 1.4 million members. The Lions signature cause is Vision/Blindness, along with Hunger, the Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and the future of our Youth. For more information: <http://www.lmlionsclub.org/>.



Over 150 faculty and staff from Iona Preparatory Lower and Upper Schools in New Rochelle took part in a Day of Service today throughout the region. They gave back their time to various local charities and organizations where Iona Prep students serve throughout the year, such as washing transportation vehicles and packing puppy treats at Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown, helping organize the library at the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center in White Plains, packing meals and engaging with service recipients at Cerebral Palsy of Westchester in Rye Brook, and even helped a man find a suit at Hudson Link in Ossining for a job he is starting, while helping organize its clothing boutique.

Iona Prep encourages its students and faculty to help everyone achieve a sense of belonging and know God's love, and by reaching out with regular service projects, they try to accomplish this daily and encourage others. What a way to inspire us all.

Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

LETTER TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

March 17, 2025
 President Donald J. Trump
 The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
 NW Washington, DC 20500
 Subject: Obstruction of Justice, Fraud, and Corruption within the U.S. Treasury Department, IRS and Federal and State Court Systems

Dear Mr. President:

A constitutional divide has developed in America that is becoming unbridgeable. Government has seized a boundless field of power by stepping outside the boundaries drawn by the terms of the Constitution. They have aggregated the power to arbitrarily change the Constitution's prohibitions, mandates and principles. The most damaging example has been government's refusal to properly respond to First Amendment petitions for redress of its violations of the Constitution. Arbitrary rule changes have severely undermined the peoples' natural right to hold the government accountable to the rest of the Constitution, including its limitations on governments, power to make war, make money, tax, and police the state.

Government is limited by we the people's written Constitutions!

On February 22, 2006, We The People (WTP) filed an appellants brief at the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (Case No. 5-6359), stating in part, "because this is a case of first impression, where plaintiff provided a detailed review of the history, meaning, effect, and the significance of the "right to petition" the last ten words of the First Amendment of New York State Constitution, which is a capstone right of the 50 State Constitutions. Oral arguments were heard by the Court on October 6, 2006.

On December 22, 2006, after oral arguments, Congress passed the voluminous Tax Relief and Health Care Reform Act of 2006, which, in its Division A Title IV, Section 407, authorized the Treasury Secretary to prescribe a list of "specified, frivolous positions".

In March 2007, the Treasury Secretary issued Treasury Notice 2007-30 which included a list of specified "frivolous positions" and declared that any person who relied on a "Specified frivolous position" in any proceeding before the internal revenue service would be fined \$5,000.

"Department heads cannot make law and Congress never completely reads these voluminous bills, if at all."

Strong evidence suggests the COURT, IRS, and TREASURY DEPARTMENT colluded to counter arguments WTP just argued in court as "FRIVOLOUS ARGUMENTS" (before the Court's decision was rendered).

The court did not issue its decision for seven months, not until May 8, 2007, by Judge Brett Kavanaugh

By its Treasury Notice 2007-30, the government has, in effect, responded to We The People's petition for "redress of grievance" by summarily and without explanation, documentary evidence, or argument declared We The People's questions to be "frivolous".

Number(9)(B) on the Treasuries list of specified frivolous positions is particularly noteworthy and should be of concern to State residents; as the federal government intentionally and judicially removed the enforceability of the peoples' First Amendment Petition Clause of the United States Constitution!!!

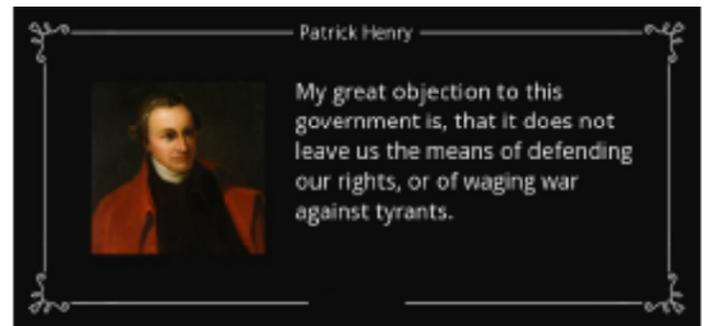
We no longer have a constitutional republican form of government of, by, and for the people, governed by State Constitutions.

We now have a government of the ruling class that ignores the people!!!

"It is a settled and invariable principle, that every right, when withheld, must have a remedy, and every injury its proper redress." Marbury v Madison, 5 U.S. 137 (1803)

Sincerely,
 Anthony J. Futia, Jr.

Paid for by Anthony J. Futia, Jr.



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St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester Honors Outstanding Student Volunteers



Front from left)) Wes Lichtenstein, Miranda Zapata-Mardini, Isabella Bendick, Katie Jacobs, Daisy Aguilar, Sarina Metsch, Kaitlyn Horgan and Joey Lipple-Smetana. (Back from left) Robert Brock, Saint Joseph's Medical Center President & CEO Michael J. Spicer, Connor Librandi, Jack Levin, Christian Vega, John Mazzola, Gabriel Froelich, Guest Speaker Peter Briggs, Teagan Young, Kathryn Kmetz, Sabhbh Grenouillon and Bernadette Kingham-Bez, Executive Director of St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester and Senior Vice President of Saint Joseph's Medical Center.

St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester, a division of Saint Joseph's Medical Center, and the Auxiliary Board of St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester celebrated the winners of the 33rd Annual Youth Awards, recognizing 20 high school students for their exceptional volunteer service and commitment to St. Vincent's values.

Approximately 100 supporters, including students' families, high school guidance counselors, and school representatives, attended the event on March 13. In addition to receiving the St. Vincent's Youth Award, honorees were presented with U.S. Congressional Certificates of Achievement from Congressman George Latimer. Peter Briggs, U.S. Squash Hall of Famer and Chairman of Squash at The Apawamis Club, delivered the keynote address. A former Harvard University squash captain and head coach at Cornell University, Briggs has mentored generations of student-athletes and continues to inspire young people through his work.

The St. Vincent's Annual Youth Awards were established in 1993 by the Auxiliary Board of St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester to recognize young people who support St. Vincent's values and to promote lifelong patterns of volunteerism. Each year, the awards honor students from area high schools whose service best exemplifies these values. This year's honorees include: Daisy Aguilar – Port Chester High School, Isabella Bendick – Maria Regina High School, Robert Brock – Fordham Preparatory School, Gabriel Froelich – Mamaroneck High School, Sabhbh Grenouillon – Rye Neck High School, Kaitlyn Horgan – The Ursuline School, Katie Jacobs – School of the Holy Child, Kathryn Kmetz – Rye High School, Jack Levin – Scarsdale High School, Connor Librandi – Archbishop Stepinac High School, Wes Lichtenstein – Rye Country Day School, Joey Lipple-Smetana – Harrison High School, John Mazzola – Iona Preparatory School, Sarina Metsch – Byram Hills High School, Vivi Nguyen – White Plains High School, Tadhg O'Brien – Rye High School, Christian Vega – Iona Preparatory School, Madelyn Williams – Bronxville High School, Teagan Young – Mamaroneck High School, Miranda Zapata-Mardini – Sacred Heart Greenwich,

"We are deeply honored to recognize these exceptional young people. Their dedication to service and their embodiment of St. Vincent's values are a powerful inspiration to our community," said Michael J. Spicer, President and CEO of Saint Joseph's Medical Center.

"These remarkable students have shown extraordinary compassion through their volunteer efforts. They truly represent the heart of St. Vincent's, and we are confident they will continue to make a lasting difference," said Bernadette Kingham-Bez, Senior Vice President.

To make a donation to St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester and support programs like the Youth Awards, as well as efforts to enhance patient care, visit [saintjosephs.org/about-us/ways-to-give/donate/st.-vincent-s-honor-and-memorial-donations](https://www.saintjosephs.org/about-us/ways-to-give/donate/st.-vincent-s-honor-and-memorial-donations). Link to webpage for photos of each youth and their bios. <https://www.saintjosephs.org/about-us/event/st.-vincent-s-youth-awards/2025-youth-awar>

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Three loaded guns were allegedly recovered in the apartment, one from inside the pocket of a jacket in the kitchen and two from a bedroom dresser, along with a box of ammunition.

The two pill pressing machines were found in the living room, including the pill press previously shipped from China. The machines had powdery residue on them.

Also in the living room, Members of Strike Force Group Z-42 found large bags of powder and multiple bottles of pill dyes. Two kilogram presses used for packaging powdered narcotics were recovered from the living room as well, along with drug paraphernalia.

DEA laboratory analysis on the blue counterfeit pills indicated the presence of combinations of fentanyl, heroin, xylazine, and other substances. The multi-colored pills contained methamphetamine.

Analysis of the bags of powder identified approximately 13 pounds of methamphetamine and four pounds of xylazine mixed with fillers, including procaine and BTMPS, a chemical used in plastics manufacturing.

Xylazine is a non-opioid veterinary sedative found in roughly 30 percent of overdose deaths in New York City. Frequently found mixed with fentanyl, xylazine is not responsive to the overdose reversal drug naloxone (Narcan).

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan thanked Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg, Jr., and commended SNPs Special Investigations Bureau and Investigators Unit, DEA New York Division, the New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force, the New York City Police Department, the New York State Police, HSI New York and CBP New York for their work.

Wrong Way Murder, continued from pg 1-

2024 to felony murder, second-degree assault and drunk driving.

Ring and Steger's family testified at Willis' sentencing.

A GoFundMe page has been set up in Isabel's memory. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/isabel-darlene-steger>

The message reads: "Isabel was taken too soon from this world all because someone made the decision to get behind the wheel and cause something many don't want to believe is true. The devastating reality is Isabel Darlene Steger has passed from this world into the next without living the long prosperous life she desired. In the 22 years Isabel was alive she touched many people's heart and changed many peoples lives, myself included. I'm proud to call her a best friend, sister and confidant. Isabel's family has lost something that can never be replaced and we need to come together and help however we can. Whether you knew Isabel or not just know she was incredibly funny, sweet to many, caring, adventurous, loving, loud, fun and definitely spontaneous. Isabel is and always will be a one of a kind soul that will always live on in our memories. Don't take loved ones for granted and make sure they know you love them."

3-Year-Old Safe After Westchester-Led Search and Rescue Effort

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace lauded the multi-jurisdictional effort that resulted in the rescue Wednesday of a 3-year-old toddler, who had been missing since early February.

DA Cacace said: "I am relieved to hear that investigators from my office located this child and that he was found in good health. Our office worked day and night to determine his whereabouts and bring him to safety. I commend the work of our partners in law enforcement and social services who helped bring about this tremendous result."

In early February, the child and his mother disappeared from a temporary housing facility in Westchester County. Investigators with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office launched a round-the-clock search effort that spanned four counties and two states, working in close partnership with multiple police departments and social services agencies.

The toddler was ultimately located at his maternal grandmother's home in Queens. He was dirty but was otherwise in apparent good health. He was taken to Westchester Medical Center for a precautionary evaluation.

The mother and her boyfriend were taken into custody on numerous, outstanding arrest warrants for various larceny charges.

DA Cacace wishes to recognize the work of the following individuals for their diligence in locating the child: Chief Criminal Investigator Andy Grascia, Deputy Chief Criminal Investigator Wade Hardy, Senior Investigator Latheia Smith, Investigators Marecia Baltimore, Marie D'Angelo, Rachel Dragos and Naomi Jimenez, Crime Analysts Toni Garcia and Alessia Vicari, Child and Elder Abuse Bureau Chief Christine Hatfield, Assistant District Attorneys Alexandra Kontos and Wendy Parra, Special Prosecutions Division Chief Fredric Green and Investigations Information Coordinator Melissa Sheeley.

DA Cacace further wishes to recognize the work of the following partner agencies for their invaluable assistance on this case: the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Yonkers Police Department, the New York City Police Department, the Paterson Police Department, the Westchester County Department of Social Services, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety's Real Time Crime Unit and My Sisters' Place.

New Rochelle Police Arrest Suspect in Child Grooming Sting Operation

The New Rochelle Police Department announces the arrest of Marco A Chavez, a 31-year-old resident of New Rochelle, by members of the Criminal Investigations Division. The arrest follows a thorough investigation into allegations of inappropriate conduct involving a minor, culminating in a successful sting operation on March 15, 2025.

The investigation began on February 25, 2025, when a 16-year-old female and her mother filed a complaint with the New Rochelle Police Department. The complainants alleged that Mr. Chavez had sent inappropriate text messages to the minor. Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division reviewed evidence that indicated Mr. Chavez was attempting to groom the victim for sexual activity.

Detectives then employed a department-issued cellular phone to engage in communication with Mr. Chavez, posing as the 16-year-old. Over the course of several exchanges, the suspect's messages became increasingly sexual in nature, providing critical evidence of his intent. Based on this communication, detectives organized a sting operation to apprehend the suspect.

Mr. Chavez agreed to meet the individual he believed to be the minor at a local park. On March 15, 2025, at approximately 9:20 p.m., Mr. Chavez arrived at the designated location via taxi and was immediately taken into custody. A search of his person revealed cocaine, alcohol, and condoms, further compounding the severity of his actions.

The investigation remains ongoing, and anyone with additional information is urged to contact the New Rochelle Police Department at 914-654-2300.

ARRESTED: Marco A. Chavez, 31 years of age, of New Rochelle
CHARGES:

- 263.05 Attempted Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance – D Felony
- 235.22 Disseminating Indecent Material to a Minor in the First Degree – D Fel
- 130.25 Attempted Rape in the Third Degree – A Misdemeanor
- 220.06 Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance - Fifth Degree – D Felony

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567

Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee
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File# 7777.122

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Lowey also formed a bond with former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who said, "Chairwoman Nita Lowey built a brighter, more hopeful future — for her beloved New York constituents and all Americans. I traveled the world with Nita for years and saw the esteem in which heads of state and women and girls held her. She was beloved."

In her 32 years in Congress, Lowey never had a Democratic opponent and, on some occasions, never had a Republican opponent. She was a legendary Westchester Democrat, admired and beloved by the thousands of Westchester women who voted for her year after year.

In 2019, serving her 31st year in Congress, Lowey announced her retirement. Some believe that Mondaire Jones, who was going to challenge Lowey in a Democratic primary, got her to step down. "Nonsense," Lowey told reporters at the time.

Rep. Lowey will be remembered for her strong support for Israel and her strong pro-choice views on abortion. (She voted against a bill in 1999 that would make it a federal crime for an adult to take a minor to another state for an abortion to avoid a parental notification law in the girl's home state. "This bill could throw grandmothers in jail for helping their granddaughters," she said.)

She was a trusted friend, colleague, advisor, and standard-bearer for the Jewish community and the U.S.-Israel relationship. As co-chair of the House Bipartisan Task Force to Combat Antisemitism. Her legacy will live on not only through all the colleagues she mentored and legislation like the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act but also in all the people her work has helped and will continue to help here at home and around the world. Nita loved AJC and the Jewish people, and I hope through our collective efforts, we, too, can help honor her memory.")-American Jewish Committee "With deep sorrow, AJC mourns the loss of former Congresswoman Nita Lowey, a true friend to AJC and an irreplaceable champion of the Jewish people. The Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act, a transformative law, continues to be central to AJC's advocacy as we work to build trust and understanding between Israelis and Palestinians and strive for a more peaceful and interconnected Middle East.

At the age of 81, Lowey decided it was time to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. She had left her mark on Congress and the United States of America.

Congressman George Latimer said, "She was the definition of an excellent public servant: smart, warm. Principled and fearless. For over 30 years, she represented our home area in Congress with grace and fortitude. Nita Lowey has passed away... but she will be forever remembered. And forever praised." Latimer

Congressman Mike Lawler said, "Nita Lowey broke barriers as a legislator, shaping the lives of New Yorkers and Americans alike. Her commitment to our communities was unwavering, and her legacy will endure. May her memory be a blessing."

"Nita didn't wait for history — she made it. As the first woman to lead the House Appropriations Committee, she trailblazed a path of leadership defined by integrity, hard work, and an unyielding dedication to public service. She was a trailblazer, a progressive champion, a great representative, and my friend. We'll miss you, Nita," said Rep. Tom Cole, the current republican Chair of Appropriations.

Former New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson said, "Nita was warm, charming, idealistic, and yet also shrewd, tough, and pragmatic. A seemingly contradictory blend, but always held in balance, all real, all genuine, all essential to her outsized success and to the fierce loyalty of those who worked for her and with her.... And Nita's casual observations about people, so many of them, often funny and irreverent, and always bulls-eye accurate. She could measure someone at a glance.

Congresswoman Lowey is survived by her husband of 64 years, Stephen Lowey, and their three children and eight grandchildren. Her proudest achievement, she said, had been "breaking the glass ceiling for women" by becoming the first to lead the Appropriations Committee.

"One thing about Nita that some may not remember is she was tough, and she made it OK to be a tough female politician. Nobody wanted to mess with Nita," said one colleague.

"The Empire State and the entire country have lost a principled, passionate, and powerful public servant with the passing of Congresswoman Nita Lowey. Throughout her historic career, Congresswoman Lowey courageously served her constituents and stood up for New Yorkers while shattering multiple glass ceilings along the way," House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins also reflected on Lowey's legacy. "She was the role model, the mentor, the godmother. She was everything," Stewart-Cousins said. "She always had the right values. She understood what was important, and she was ready to invest her time, money, and passion in ensuring the right things happen."

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SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against-

CLAUDIA C. HUIE A/K/A CLAUDIA COLLEEN HUIE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of the premises being foreclosed herein,, Defendants Index No. 75940/2024 Mortgaged Premises: 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose home equity conversion mortgage to secure \$780,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on October 7, 2009, as Control Number 492650633, covering the premises known as 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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battle with the IRS in Federal Court. Since 2014, he has refused to pay his Federal income tax because he believes it is voluntary. Futia argues that the 16th Amendment to the US Constitution, which reads, "The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration," does not require all Americans to pay a Federal Income tax. Only Federal employees are required to pay an income tax, claims Futia, and no law says every other American has to pay a Federal income tax.

"The government has a lot to lose if forced to replace the individual income tax with, say, a consumption tax, so it relies on fear and intimidation of the people. For now, they are trying to destroy me financially. The next step would be to destroy me physically, but it is too late; the cat is out of the bag, and all of the information of fraud and corruption is in the hands of the elected sheriffs of New York state and online at <https://wethepeopleofny.org/wtp-of-ny-news/what-would-life-in-america-be-like-without-a-constitution/>

After receiving an unfavorable decision from a Federal Court Judge in 2022, Futia appealed his case to the US Supreme Court. In November of last year, the USSC denied his application to hear his case without argument or reason, as is the norm for thousands of other cases the justices refuse to hear. Futia's case was originally assigned to Judge Kenneth Karas, and almost immediately transferred to Judge Vincent Briccetti who "prevented and did not require defendant United States government to produce or show a law that required me to pay a personal federal income tax by calling my questions frivolous and not responding at all to my many request for a jury trial," said Futia

But even in the lower Federal Court case and decision by Judge Kenneth Karas, no response to Futia's arguments was given, just a denial and refusal to allow Futia the one thing he has always wanted: a trial by a jury of his peers.

Futia currently has a lawsuit pending against NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli for processing a lien against Futia from the IRS for \$96,565 in unpaid taxes. "The Comptroller signed off, and they took money out of my trust fund. As a State Employee, they should have waited until after I received my retirement funds. But they took 84% of my monthly retirement check to pay my 2014 and 2017 taxes. They should have only taken 15%, which is the maximum they can take. But the Comptroller violated the law when he approved the withdrawal of funds, and hopefully, this case will give me a chance to make my arguments about the federal income tax," said Futia.

Futia's other argument is that when taxpayers fill out and sign a W-4 form, they voluntarily agree to pay a Federal Income tax. "They can't show me the law that requires all Americans to pay an income tax because one does not exist. And that is my argument, which I want to be heard by a jury of my peers."

"Unless State Citizens volunteer by signing a W-4, they are not liable or required to pay a personal federal income tax. Federal citizens living within a federal possession such as Washington DC, Puerto Rico, etc., or living within one of the 50 states working for the federal government, subjecting them to the government employee tax act, are not protected by the tax clauses of the sovereign 50 states and are required to pay a federal personal income tax.

"The Government cannot afford to lose this case because our Federal government is already \$32 Trillion in debt. They need the money they take in from the illegal income tax. Martha Stewart, Pete Rose, and Joe Louis are some of the more famous Americans that the IRS went after. I'm just a regular Navy Veteran who is taking a stand against tyranny. We should not be afraid of our government."

The other question we have asked Futia over the years, how will the government pay its bills without an income tax, is being answered by the President—through tariffs.

"The ball is now in President Trump's court. I gave him all the information, including the 538 questions to be answered by the government, which they refused to answer, conclusively showing no law. And I think the President knows it."

"A victory tax was used to finance World War II, which expired at the war's end. When the victory tax expired, the federal government fraudulently imposed an income tax on security, paying off the private banks(Federal Reserve).

"Congress and the courts are aware of this fraudulent cover-up, and now that President Trump is aware of it, let's see how he handles it. It will be very interesting to see how this fraud gets resolved, and Trump is capable of resolving this mess.

Futia appeared at two hearings before the IRS, both last year. He has not heard back from the IRS after those hearings, but he has still not paid his Federal Income tax for more than 9 years.

Futia agrees with President Trump on Tariffs. "Before there was an income tax (pre-1913), we paid for our government through Tariffs. And we can do it again."

Four more questions for Futia:

1-What about Trump's new income tax plan, to eliminate it for those earning less than \$150,000 per year? "I think that's Trump's way of easing into it, first by eliminating it for those under \$150k, and then later he can abolish it altogether."

2-Can Trump eliminate the Income Tax alone, or does he need Congressional approval? "He can do it on his own. This is an illegal tax; it violates the Constitution."

3-The way around Futia's argument is for Congress to pass a law enacting a Federal Income Tax. Are you concerned that they will do that? "Not at all; Congress would never approve an income tax and then return to the voters. They would throw them out of office."

"President Trump has also called for no tax on tips or social security benefits. He is going in the other direction, and the American people love him for it."

4-Some media coverage of Trump's plan claims that citizens will still pay a withholding tax on their income and paychecks even if he eliminates the income tax. Is that true?

"No, not if the employee refuses to complete a W-4T form, which they are entitled to do. I did it late in my career working for the Town of North Castle. This is another scam by the government. Withholding your taxes is how the government uses your money until it is due. The best way for people is to put aside the money they will owe in taxes in a savings account and earn a few dollars. That's what the government is doing if you fill out a W9.

Futia states, "The following New Yorkers are not required to pay a personal income tax. All New York State police officials and officers; All New York State village, town, city, county, and state employees, and most Citizen residents of New York State.

"I received a 50-year retirement benefit from New York state, based on 45 years of employment with the town of North Castle, with two years credit for being a member of tier 1 retirement system and three years credit for my service in the United States Navy submarine service. The New York State Comptroller will not show me the law that requires and makes me liable for the tax. That is because no law says most Americans must pay a Federal income tax. I have submitted to the Greene County Sheriff documents and video exhibits of IRS fraud and corruption for safekeeping and investigation in case of my death and for possible charges filed with his department against the state comptroller.

Futia's organization, We The People of New York, Inc. (website: wethepeopleny.org), has a wealth of information on this topic online. One of the most interesting videos is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpeo6FZgdD0>, and the testimony from Victoria Osborne, a forensic accountant. When asked if it was legal for the IRS to place levies on Social Security benefits for non-payment of income taxes, Osborne said, "This is a direct violation of Title 42 Section 407. When I confronted the IRS, they would immediately stop the levy." Osborne also said the IRS illegally exceeds a 15% levy restriction on a taxpayer's income. "The law restricts the IRS to take only 15%."

Westchester County Parks to Offer 2025 Lifeguard Certification Scholarships

Westchester County Parks, in partnership with the Westchester Parks Foundation, is offering scholarships to 10 local students who want to work as a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard this summer. The funding will cover their costs to take the required Lifeguard Certification courses.

To be considered for the scholarship, students age 15 and older are encouraged to submit an essay of at least 250 words that explains why they want to become a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard and how they would benefit from the experience. Email submissions to: PRC-Aquatics@westchestercountyny.gov. The deadline is Friday, April 4 at 5 p.m. Those awarded will be notified via email by Friday, April 11.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "The lifeguards at our pools and beaches are taught innumerable and valuable skills that will behoove them for the rest of their lives. They also learn how to be strong leaders and handle significant responsibilities. Every young adult in Westchester deserves that opportunity."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "Our lifeguards are the mainstays for safe summer fun at our pools and beaches. We are delighted to help 10 youngsters join the team."

Executive Director of Westchester Parks Foundation Joe Stout said, "Westchester Parks Foundation believes that parks are for everyone, and we support this County-wide initiative to ensure that our pools and beaches are staffed with well-trained lifeguards, and that students have access to learn these skills."

Those awarded with the scholarship will be expected to work at any of the following facilities: Croton Point Beach Croton-on-Hudson, Glen Island Beach New Rochelle, Playland Beach and Pool Rye, Saxon Woods Pool White Plains, Sprain Ridge Pool Yonkers, Tibbetts Brook Pool Yonkers, Willson's Woods Pool Mount Vernon

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Any available E-Z Reserve spots will be sold at the courses. E-Z Reserve lets golfers with a Westchester County Park Pass block out a regular Saturday or Sunday tee time for a period of 30 weeks.

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Grab your clubs and hit the fairways—our golf courses, which feature breathtaking views, are calling. Epic swings and picture-perfect greens—let's golf Westchester and make this season unforgettable!"

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Also: March 22, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; March 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Get details <https://countycenter.biz/event/luckys-march-madness-sports-card-memorabilia-show/>

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Sugaring-Off Party, noon - 3 p.m.

Annual sugaring off party to end the wonderful season of maple sugaring. Indulge in a pancake breakfast and lots of maple sweet treats. We will be showing how the evaporator works and giving tapping demonstrations. There will also be live music. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Trailside Nature Museum. Free.

Pre-registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sugaring-off-party-at-trailside-nature-museum-tickets-1144857151559?aff=oddtcreator>

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Pre-registration required <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/03/22/finding-use-when-clearing-invasive-species/508542>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Early Spring Scavenger Hunt, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

We'll search for natural signs and items that have been placed in a "treasure box." It's a fun way for kids to find clues and ideas that will help educate them about their natural surroundings.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Rockin' Reptiles! Live Animal Program, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

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All ages can join us in the nature center for a hands-on look at macroinvertebrates—some of our pond's tiny creatures.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Community Science Series: Chorus Acoustics, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn the methods and materials used by conservation staff to study bird, bat and frog calls across Westchester—and how you can do the same! Hiking shoes are suggested on this moderate hike.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Spring Equinox BioBlitz, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

How can community members participate in conservation ecology projects? Join us in our spring BioBlitz, hosted on the naturalist app! Start at the Nature Center for an introduction to the app and how we use it, and then go on a hike around the Preserve to log some of the species living here. Hiking shoes are recommended.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Squirrels & Winter, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We'll discuss how squirrels survive during the winter and review their forging habits and what they do just as winter ends. We'll then observe them in their wild habitat.

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Propel NY Energy Invites Westchester County Residents**to Community Information Sessions to Learn About****Underground Electric Transmission Solution**

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) and New York Transco are hosting Community Information Sessions to share information about Propel NY Energy, an innovative underground electric transmission project.

Propel NY Energy will bolster the reliability, resiliency, and capacity of the downstate grid through the delivery of energy resources on Long Island, and in parts of New York City, and Westchester County. This project includes the installation of approximately 90 miles of new underground and submarine transmission lines, and new and upgraded electrical stations carefully routed to minimize impacts to surrounding communities and the environment. This multi-year project, scheduled to be in service by 2030, will result in long-term benefits for New York homes and businesses as the demand for electrical power continues to increase now and into the future.

The schedule for Community Information Sessions in Westchester is as follows:

Wednesday, April 9 in Tuckahoe – 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Tuckahoe Community Center – 71 Columbus Ave, Tuckahoe, NY 10707

Thursday, April 10 – VIRTUAL 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

To register for one of the Westchester NY Community Information Sessions, please use the RSVP link here.

To register for the Virtual Propel Community Information Session, please use RSVP line here.

For more information on the Propel NY Energy Project, please visit www.propelnyenergy.com.

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unfathomable levels, with progressive democrats protesting against Musk, Trump, and Congressman Mike Lawler, the most recent rally held in Tarrytown. Some anti-Musk protestors have damaged and destroyed Tesla cars to hurt Musk financially. There are two Tesla stores in Westchester: one in Mt. Kisco and one in Greenburgh. The Mt. Kisco Tesla store has been the site of recent protests against Musk every Saturday. Now, there is an effort to support Musk by holding a protest to thank Musk and SpaceX for saving the astronauts and trying to save our country for the next generation. In future weeks, we will write about the \$1 trillion in Interest Payments Americans now pay to finance our \$37 Trillion Debt. A few comments on the Facebook group Westchester-Putnam Patriots have commented on the rallies and the unfounded Musk hatred. Liberal heads explode as Elon Musk rescues Astronauts and lands them in the Gulf of America. Democrats used to love Trump and Elon Musk. Trump donated money to their causes, and Musk created an electric car to save the environment. Both men were just as wealthy then. Nobody called them oligarchs, and nobody had a problem with their wealth. When Elon Musk works to cut waste, fraud, and abuse in the government, Clinton, Schumer, Obama, Pelosi, and Bernie Sanders have been saying that this needs to be done for years. But no more. One day, they will tell us all to drive electric vehicles, and the next day, they will be boycotting electric vehicles because the guy who sells them doesn't support them. Trump and Musk are the embodiment of principles. And America sees that and doesn't care how much money they have." The rescue of four American astronauts was a great day for Americans regardless of political party or who they voted for last year. Musk is also the owner of Starlink satellites, and he has sent the free signal to Hurricane and Fire victims in North Carolina and California to help those affected to stay in touch. We respect the rights of all Americans to protest against our President and Elon Musk, but we reject the violence and damage done to Tesla vehicles across the country. "This level of violence is insane and deeply wrong. Tesla makes electric cars and has done nothing to deserve these evil attacks." We have seen nothing done by Elon Musk except his work to help our country. The Tesla in Mt. Kisco is located at 115 Kisco Avenue. For more details, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/417561789745059> for more information. The rally will begin around 12:30 and will be PEACEFUL!

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

-Thomas Jefferson

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701 aka 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10703

SBL #: 2-2164-20

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC4,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Derick Smith a/k/a Derek J. Smith; Patrick Mitchell a/k/a Patrick M. Mitchell, if living and if he be dead, his heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants; and all heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Linette Roy; Rushmore Recoveries XIV LLC; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.

SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.

SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$300,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester on August 14, 2018 as CRFN 582083024, covering premises known as 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701 a/k/a 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10703, SBL #: 2-2164-20.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants Patrick Mitchell a/k/a Patrick M. Mitchell, if living and if he be dead, his heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants; and all heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, dated and filed February 24, 2025.

Dated: March 4, 2025

/s/ Christina A. Incorvaia, Christina A. Incorvaia, Esq.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, New York 10170

Phone: 347.286.7409, Fax: 347-286-7414

Attorneys for Plaintiff,

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC4

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for

information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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In an email to the Carmel Town Board dated March 11, Will Frost, Senior Project Developer for the Union Energy project, writes, "It is with regret that I formally request the removal of the Union Energy Center from consideration within any town approval process."

Opposition to the plan was formed shortly after it became public. A group called "Stop Lithium Battery Storage Systems in Westchester/Putnam" successfully lobbied against the project by attending meetings, standing with signs along Route 6, engaging in social media activity, and raising funds to pay for an attorney.

This resulted in elected officials, including Assemblyman Matt Slater, Congressman Mike Lawler, and others, joining the effort. Building a BEES Battery Energy Storage System across New York State is popular and worthy of discussion and implementation, especially since residents are outraged over the recent increases to their Con Ed and NYSEG bills.

The concept behind a BEES is to store electricity in batteries collected during off-peak hours and then use it during peak usage. Companies like East Coast want to buy the energy off-peak and sell it back during peak hours. The goal is to make the grid cleaner, more reliable, resilient, and affordable. This battery farm would be connected to NYSEG.

This location was chosen because it is next to an NYSEG substation and transmission lines. However, the idea of building such a large facility this close to residential neighborhoods was not thought out, careless, and dangerous. According to NYSERDA, this project would have been 5 times larger than any other BEES.

Many local governments in Westchester and Putnam have imposed moratoriums on BEES or restricted the size of the battery plants. The Town of Somers Board and Supervisor opposed the project; The Town of Carmel Board imposed a moratorium, and the Town of Yorktown is moving forward with a proposed ban. Stop Lithium Battery Storage Systems in Westchester/Putnam and its members applauded their victory but warned about what was coming next. Kevin O'Keefe said the state is "trying to force these renewable energy projects down our throats." This project would have been 116 Megawatts. There are currently three other battery storage facilities in New York State. In Warwick, Lyme, and East Hampton. According to published reports, there have been fires at all three facilities. The battery size at the Mahopac location, 116 Megawatts, is 20 times larger than the East Hampton (5 Megawatts) and 10 times larger than Warwick (12 Megawatts). Another comparison is the 1 World Trade Center's backup generator uses 8 megawatts of total power. What is troubling to some is the lack of public notification of a project of this size and its impact on the community. East Coast went to the Carmel Town Board in September 2023, but public awareness did not begin until February

2024, when residents from Mahopac in Putnam County and Somers in Westchester County became aware of the project and began to inform the public. Mahopac resident Lauren Rosolen, whose property sits next to the proposed battery plant, told us last year, "The company is out there making it seem that this is best for the community, but it doesn't benefit the community in the least. The energy stored would not be provided to us. To say that it's beneficial to us is insanity. The more we look into this, the more we find an attempt to get it done before the community was aware of it. "At this point, how do you fight a multi-million-dollar corporation? They are waiting for us to go away. But you can't put this size of a project in the middle of a residential community."

O'Keefe said last year, "We have to focus on the facts and why the placement of this 116-megawatt facility is the wrong place. If you put this out in the desert somewhere, that's okay. But not this close to a residential community."

In January, County Executive Ken Jenkins introduced a proposed notification law that would enhance the oversight and safety of non-residential Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in Westchester. The proposed legislation establishes clear notification requirements for municipalities regarding new installations or modifications to existing systems. This ensures that the County maintains up-to-date records and can better coordinate planning and safety efforts.

The new law would: Prevent tragedies by enhancing safety for residents and first responders; Improve communication between the County and municipalities; Ensure the County has up-to-date records of any new BESS installations or modifications to existing systems, and better coordinate planning and safety efforts.

Jenkins said, "The bottom line is we all need to be on the same page. This legislation underscores Westchester County's commitment to balancing the expansion of renewable energy infrastructure with the highest safety and planning standards. By instituting these notification requirements, we aim to ensure that battery energy storage systems are responsibly integrated into our communities while safeguarding residents and first responders."

Deputy County Executive Richard G. Wishnie, a former DES commissioner, said, "While these alternative power systems can provide environmentally friendly and economically positive power supplies when they fail, they can cause explosive fires that have proven to be extremely difficult to extinguish while giving off dangerous gases. Knowing where these systems are located, first responders, if dispatched to a BESS location, will know in advance what precautions they need to protect themselves and residents in the area." BESS technology utilizes a battery array to collect and store energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar. The batteries store that energy until it

is released into the power supply at peak demand or during a power outage. Under the proposed law, municipalities would be required to: Notify the County Emergency Services Commissioner (or designee) within 30 days of learning about any existing Battery Energy Storage Systems; Provide written notice within 30 days of approving plans for new installations or modifications to existing systems, including issuing building, electrical, or special use permits. The legislation would require the approval of the Westchester County Board of Legislators. The Westchester County Board of Legislators will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 24, on this matter. The Business Council of Westchester (BCW) will host the Clean Energy Action Conference: Powering Change Together on March 24, marking a significant step in the inaugural year of the Clean Energy Action Coalition (CEAC). The event assembles industry leaders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to accelerate clean energy adoption across Westchester County as an effective means to address skyrocketing energy prices, increasing electricity demand, and the resiliency needed in the face of extreme weather challenges and climate disruption. The event will be held at the Crotonville Conference Center, 1 Old Albany Post Road, Ossining. For more information, please visit the conference registration page. In Putnam, the battery plant is a key issue in the race for Carmel Town Supervisor. Candidate Frank Ciano says that the current Supervisor, Mike Cazzari, did not alert residents soon enough about the battery plant. "I've been encouraging our community to get involved in Town Board meetings, and I truly believe that with your help, we can bring about real change, especially under new leadership. I've been there, and I'm ready to lead. Let's make a difference together! This is why I'm running for town supervisor. The people know I helped stop this thing. Enough is enough." East Point Energy is a subsidiary of Equinor, a Norwegian-owned company.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC

Plaintiff,
vs.

CLARA B. SOMERVILLE; FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$912,000.00 and interest, recorded on February 27, 2019, in Instrument Number 590583180, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 116 ESPLANADE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: March 5th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff, Oluwatobi Adedokun, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, NY 11590, 516-280-7675

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Plaintiff designates
WESTCHESTER as the place of
trial situs of the real property

**SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS**

Mortgaged Premises:
116 ESPLANADE, MOUNT
VERNON NY 10553

Section: 165.57, Block: 2086,

Lot: 2

Yorktown Celebrates New York State Maple Weekends March 22-30



Yorktown will celebrate New York State Maple Weekend on March 22-23 and 29-30 with events highlighting the local maple syrup industry.

The festivities kick off with the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Yorktown Grange Hall.

“You can start your

maple weekend experience by having a delicious pancake breakfast with locally sourced maple syrup and locally sourced bacon and sausage,” said John Bell, the Grange’s treasurer. “While you’re there you can have a hayride and enjoy petting tame farm animals.”

The celebration continues in the afternoon at White Oak Farm, which will host an open house and demonstration of maple syrup production. Visitors can learn about the process and purchase a variety of maple syrup products directly from the farm.

“Maple Weekend is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Yorktown’s rich agricultural past and the dedicated farmers who continue to operate within our community,” said Supervisor Ed Lachterman.

Event Information:

Maple Breakfast:

Location: Yorktown Grange Hall, 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights

Dates: March 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th

Seatings: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:00 AM

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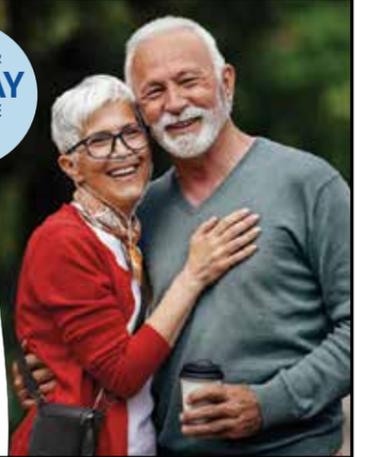
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